

High School Counselors Manual

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

Department of Defense



TO THE COUNSELOR: The greatest resource any country can have is an educated population. As the largest user of manpower in the Nation, we in the Department of Defense keenly appreciate this fact. We have learned that a good educational background is as necessary for success in military service as it is in civilian life.

It is therefore with clear self-interest that the Department of Defense has adopted a strong "stay in school policy." This policy states that "students enrolled in high schools (1) will be encouraged by recruiters to stay in school and graduate and (2) will not be accepted without prior notice to the school and without parents' consent."

Most young men leaving high school today face the prospect of military service. Some may choose to enter the Armed Forces directly after leaving high school either with the idea of making military service a career or for a minimum tour; others may choose to wait until they finish college. In any event, counselors will be called on to help many of these young men decide among the alternatives they face.

This manual has been designed principally to provide counselors with ready information on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. This Battery can be very useful as an indicator of an individual's potential in a variety of military and related civilian occupations. The manual includes a bibliography of publications on the career opportunities offered by each of the Military Services.

If you need further information about the opportunities in the Military Services or if you are unable to find the information in the bibliography, the recruiting representatives of each of the Services will be happy to give you every assistance.